The Barnard Bulletin

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SELECTMEN'S NEWS

With March at hand, it's Town Meeting time again; the Warning appears elsewhere in this issue. Auditor Beth Finlayson-Brown says Town Reports will be available this weekend. We'll make them available at the Town office, BGS, Post Office and Transfer Station. I'll even round up a Rubbermaid type box and put some at the Community Hall in East Barnard and by Doton's farm stand in South Barnard so you'll be armed for Pre-Town Meeting on February 27th at 7pm and Town Meeting on March 5th. We haven't heard of any contested races for the elected positions to be filled but Selectman Tim Johnson has indicated he will accept nomination for another three year term. Rock and I support his candidacy.

Along with Town and Barnard Academy business from the floor, voters will decide three Australian ballot articles: the WUHS budget, selection of five Justices of the Peace and a bond vote on rehabilitation of the Windsor County Courthouse in Woodstock. We remind voters that Australian ballot issues may not be discussed from the floor on Town Meeting day. Judges Anderson and Singer visited recently and outlined the proposed plans and per town obligation. The Judges intend to conduct an intensive media campaign to inform Windsor County voters of the plans and costs; a booklet with the actual plans and a description of purpose is available in the Town office. Woodstock is our shire town and the stately old Courthouse is a living piece of our history; however, it lacks handicap access or movement within, has inadequate fire safety provisions and no modern-day security provisions. The proposed two million dollar bond over ten years is reasonable compared to alternatives such as building new elsewhere or trying to expand the White River Courthouse. Barnard's share of the cost is 3.3646% or $6.24/yr on a $250,000 property. We support the proposed preservation and renovation of the existing Courthouse.

As you may have gleaned from the Valley News and as you will see in your Town Report, the municipal budget is up considerably but it's not quite as alarming as it may appear. About $550,000 of the increase consists of the anticipated conclusion of flood recovery spending and a non-flood related State Structures Grant both of which are offset by revenue. We have nonetheless proposed increasing certain categories of highway spending (sand, hardpack, fuel) to more accurately reflect use. Despite serious FY12 Highway overspending for hardpack (remember that cataclysmic mud season?) the independent Auditors are showing a FY12 Highway surplus which must stay in Highway and a small General Fund surplus cumulative for FY11 and FY12 amounting to less than a cent on the tax rate. The Independent Auditors' Report should be available soon at the Town office. It's a modified accrual accounting and includes a detailed accounting of flood recovery spending and revenue.

It's kind of a crap shoot to predict the tax rate, especially with a Town-wide reappraisal concluding this year, but we'll take a guess at about a three cent rise to $0.26. Even at that, we have the lowest municipal tax rate in Windsor County.

Pursuant to last month's offering of a website on the intricacies of Acts 68 & 60, our Education Tax drivers, produced by Property Valuation & Review, we recently received PVR's 2013 Annual Report in booklet form. It's very informative and compares county by county and town by town the various factors used in formulating the equalized education property value and subsequent tax rate. You can find the education and municipal tax rate for every town in Vermont, among other things. It's available at the Town office and probably on line at www.state.vt.us/tax/pvr.shtml.

We devoted much of a recent meeting to discussion of Town Hall rentals. Historically, we've tried to keep the rental fee low knowing it's really a community service rather than a money maker; however, we've recently experienced what we consider abuse, inadequate clean-up and missing kitchen stuff of the expensive stainless steel variety. Effective April 1st, we'll raise the rental fee to $200 and the damage deposit to $250. To aid renters, we'll produce a check list of clean-up responsibilities and an inventory list of kitchen equipment. Town Hall Administrator Tess Campbell will go over the same list following each rental and we'll be withholding some or all of the damage deposit where appropriate.

We look forward to seeing everyone with Town Report in hand on Tuesday, March 5th. It's always a privilege and pleasure to participate in reasonable discussion and conduct of our town's business. Maybe attendance at a Vermont from-the-floor town meeting should be required of our national representatives and senators. We can kick that around over Sepp's soothing soup and the Progressive Club's always excellent lunch. Eat all the beans you can afford or hold to promulgate lively discussion and scholarship dollars for Barnard students.

THOMPSON CENTER NEWS

Submitted by Pam Butler

Spend some time this spring researching your family tree. Professional genealogist Denise Picard Lindgren will be leading "Genealogy Thursdays" at the Thompson, which will meet every other week for six two-hour sessions. In the first half-hour Denise will present a genealogical web site, method, or problem for discussion. The remainder of the time is for your own research, with Denise and other members of the class available to assist you. All levels of experience are welcome. Classes will meet every other Thursday beginning on March 7th through May 16th from 1-3PM. Cost is $85 for the six class session and a minimum of 8 students is requested. Participants should bring a laptop or notebook computer to connect to the Internet. Don't spend the inevitable mud season at home. Come join us at The Thompson where we welcome adults of all ages.

Keep Your Mind Sharp: Monday, March 11th, 1:00PM: Kimberly J. Betts from the Dartmouth Aging Resource Center's Brain Café will lead a discussion on brain health and demonstrate activities to keep your mind sharp. She will also provide resources on memory loss, aging and dementia.

A Frank Talk About Menopause: Tuesday March 12, 6:00PM: Dr. Ellamarie Russo-DeMara, a gynecologist at Gifford Medical Center's Bethel Health Center and Twin River Health Center in White River Junction, will take us through the Menopause years and will discuss symptoms and treatment options.

Nutrition and Eye Health: Monday March 18, 1:00PM: Dr. Chris Fields, OD will be joining us for an up-to-date discussion of nutrition and eye health. He will present "Six Essential Nutrients Your Eye Needs", and will thoroughly explain how proper nutrition can not only help you to see better, but is clinically used to manage ocular and sight threatening diseases such as macular degeneration, diabetic eye disease and glaucoma.

Small Town: A Memoir, A book discussion by local author, Margaret Merrill: Tuesday March 26, 1:00 PM. "Friends and neighbors flow through Small Town. In the course of half a century, Margaret Merrill, one time librarian at the Norman Williams Public Library, kept an eye on more than overdue books. In just over 300 pages she has recorded the comings and goings of folks in and around Woodstock, dressing them up--and down--in such familiar settings as St. James Church, the jailhouse, firehouse, cemetery and the library." noted Sara Widness, in her Special to The Vermont Standard. Ms. Merrill will bring her books for personalization and purchase.

Tickets are still available for the 2013 Vermont Flower Show at the Champlain Valley Expo on Friday March 1. Call Pam or Diana for more information. Please visit us at www.thompsonseniorcenter.org for a complete list of our events, programs, and classes and be sure to call us at 457-3277 if you need a ride. See you at The Thompson!

Please join us at
the Silver Lake Chapel
Easter Sunday
March 31st 9AM
as we celebrate the
Empty Tomb!
Pastor James Milner
ALL ARE WELCOME!

THANKS FROM BARNARD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

On behalf of all members of the Barnard Volunteer Fire Department, we extend our sincere thanks to the people of Barnard for supporting our annual spaghetti fundraising dinner at the Barnard Town Hall. Special thanks go the following organizations and individuals for their continued support of our fund raising efforts; Barnard Inn, Twin Farms, Pizza Chef of Woodstock, Mills Hardware, Doton Farm, Edmunds Maple Hill Farm, Tozier's Restaurant, Pane E Salute Restaurant, The Worthy Burger Restaurant, Price Chopper, Paul and Mary Lou Landry, Reg Carr, Tina Tuckerman, John Snyder, and Tim Johnson. Your generous support provides additional funds for all aspects of fire and rescue including swift water and ice rescue, Barnard First Response, personnel training, and the purchase of equipment.

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WARNING
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BARNARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Barnard School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning for the following purpose:

1. To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing.
2. To accept the reports of the School Directors for the school accounts and take action thereon.
3. To elect a Barnard School Director for a three-year term.
4. To elect a Woodstock Union High School Director for the remaining one year of a three year term.
5. To authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
6. To establish a reserve fund to help ensure that the Board can meet its health insurance contractual obligations and to fund that reserve with existing funds.
7. To appropriate funds to support the school:

   The total proposed budget of $1,045,214 (One million, forty-five thousand, two hundred fourteen dollars) is the amount determined by the school board to be necessary to support the school district's educational program. State law requires the vote on this budget to be divided because (i) the school district's spending per pupil last year was more than the statewide average and (ii) this year's proposed budget is greater than last year's budget adjusted for inflation.

   Part A. Shall the voters of the school district authorize the school board to expend $1,038,556, (One million, thirty eight thousand, five hundred fifty-six dollars) which is a portion of the amount the school board has determined to be necessary?

   Part B. If Part A is approved by the voters, shall the voters of the school district also authorize the school board to expend $6,658 (Six thousand, six hundred fifty-eight dollars) which is the remainder of the amount the school board has determined to be necessary?

8. To do any other business as shall legally come before this meeting.

Barnard School Board:
David Green
Kurt Lessard
Will Dodson

Dated: January 31, 2013

WARNING
TOWN OF BARNARD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 5, 2013

The legal voters in the Town of Barnard are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Barnard on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at Ten O'clock in the forenoon for the following specific purpose:

ARTICLES:

1. To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing.
2. To hear the reports of the Officers and take action thereon.
3. To elect the following Officers by ballot: one Lister for three years, one Selectman for three years, one Auditor for three years, a Tax Collector for one year, a Delinquent Tax Collector for one year, a First Constable for one year, a Second Constable for one year, and to elect all other Officers as made necessary by law.
4. To see how the Town will have its property taxes collected and to set the due date.
5. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to reconcile the FY 12 General Fund and Highway surplus or deficit in setting the FY 14 tax rate.
6. To increase the property tax exemption for qualified veterans 50% or more disabled from $10,000 of appraisal value to $40,000 of appraisal value in accordance with 32VSA #3802(11) effective April 1, 2013.
7. To vote $15,000.00 for a feasibility study on construction of a new fire station and emergency services building on the Town Hall lot to include survey of the property, septic design, preliminary engineering study and architectural presentation.
8. To vote a FY 14 budget of $1,822,440.00 of which $826,590.00 shall be raised by taxes to meet the Town's expenses and obligations and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to set a tax rate sufficient to provide same.
9. To elect by Australian ballot five (5) Justices of the Peace per order of Vermont Superior Court, Docket No. 774-12-12 Wrcv.
10. To do any other business which may come legally before this meeting.

Selectmen:
Tom Morse
Rock Webster
Tim Johnson

Dated: January 31, 2013

BARNARTS SUMMER YOUTH THEATRE INSTITUTE 2013

Grease! The School Version
Rehearsal Dates: July 15th- August 15th
Time: 1-4pm
Performance Dates: August 16th-18th
Where: Purple Crayon/Artistree in Woodstock and the Barnard Town Hall (tech week)

Ages 8-12 attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays while ages 13-18 attend Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for the first three weeks. During the last two weeks all students may be rehearsing daily.

Cost: $350 Early Registration Deadline March 29th. $400 after March 29th

Youth ages 8 through 18 participate in this energy filled summer theatre program. Over the 5-week process, a full-scale musical is rehearsed, choreographed and performed with professional sets, lights, costumes and music.

"Grease" by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey opened in 1971 in Chicago and premiered on Broadway in 1972. The school version removes all profanity, and lewd behavior. It is also shorter and more suitable in content for teens and subteens, but retains the fun-loving spirit and immortal songs from the Original Broadway Production that still make Grease a favorite among fans of all ages.

BarnArts Center for the Arts holds a strong commitment to educating the youth of our community in leadership and responsibility through teaching the skills of music and theatre. What distinguishes BarnArts is our philosophy. We subscribe to the philosophy that children will do what we expect of them. For this reason, we always insist on the highest caliber of performance that each individual is capable of, rather than settling for what comes easiest.

There's No Such Thing as a Small Part: We focus on creating a quality performance that in turn builds a sense of self-confidence, maturity, self-discipline, responsibility, and leadership in each participant. The process rather than the end product is emphasized. These qualities create not only the great performers of tomorrow, but the future community leaders, teachers, and business owners.

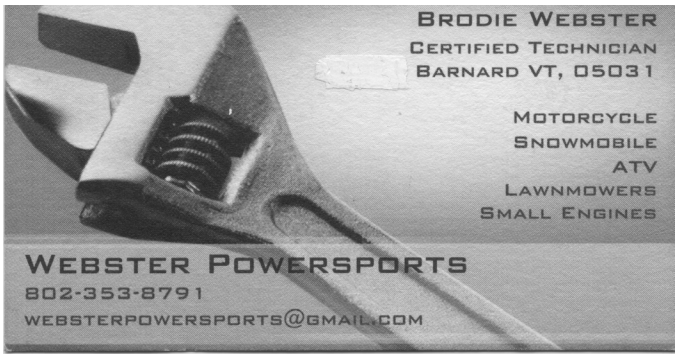
BarnArts Center for the Arts Youth Program Mission:

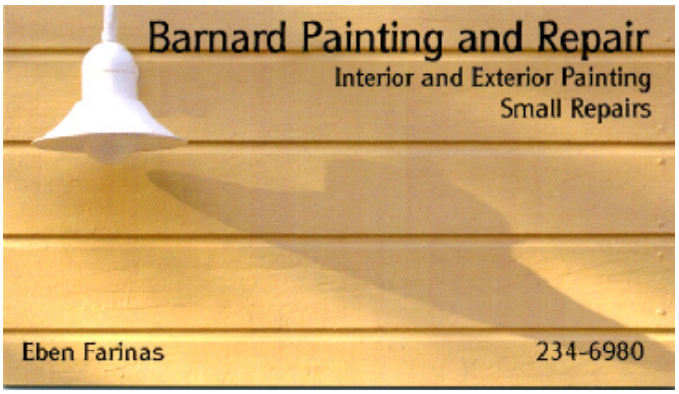
To provide a personal development program for young people which uses theatre arts
To teach creativity and responsibility
To encourage teamwork and personal integrity
To foster self-esteem and appreciation for live theatre

Scholarships are available. For these arrangements, please register by calling the BarnArts Center for the Arts Office at 802-332-6020

We are looking forward to meeting you, getting to know you and watching you learn, make new friends and grow confident as we all prepare for the production of Grease.

For more information please contact:
Jarvis Green, Artistic/Executive Director, BarnArts Center for the Arts, 802-332-6020 (Office), 802-281-2699 (Mobile), 802-234-9609 (Home), info@barnarts.org.





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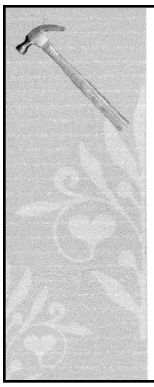

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PROGRESSIVE CLUB LUNCH

For countless years, the Silver Lake Progressive Club has been offering lunch to residents at the annual town meeting. Following that tradition, the Club will be offering Joyce Edmunds and Sherry Doton's legendary baked beans, Sepp Schenker's scrumptious chicken soup, hot dogs and home baked goods prepared by Club members on Town Meeting day, March 5th at the Barnard Town Hall.

In addition, coffee, tea and soda will be available. Pricing is ala carte, to accommodate those who just want a snack or a more hearty lunch. Proceeds from the lunch will go toward the college scholarship fund for high school graduates who are Barnard residents (contact Barbara Kelley @ 457 2719 for more information).

The Silver Lake Progressive Club, which is committed to community service projects, has approximately 30 active and associate members.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TOWN ENERGY COMMITTEE!

The Barnard Planning Commission seeks to form a Town Energy Committee. Town Energy Committees are becoming a big deal in Vermont. About 100 towns have their own Town Energy Committee. We think it's time Barnard has one too. Town Energy Committees are supported by a group called VECAN (Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network) which you can check out at www.vecan.net.

What would a Town Energy Committee do? Many Town Energy Committees advise the Select Board and School Board on ways to save energy at their facilities and in the purchase and use of equipment. Many also advise the Planning Commission on types of energy generation (wind, hydro, solar and biomass) that might be desirable in town and at what scale or location might they might not be desirable. Future updates of the Town Plan must contain an Energy Plan, and an Energy Plan is critical if the Town wishes to comment on large-scale projects that are regulated by the Public Service Board but exempt from zoning.

Other Town Energy Committee projects can include encouraging solar hot water systems, home weatherization projects, carpooling and alternative transportation, and implementing a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program.

If interested contact planning commission chair Steve Cota (457-4657) or email zoning administrator Preston Bristow at preston.bristow@comcast.net.

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BARNARD COMMUNITY TRUST NEWS

If you believe that the Barnard General Store is the heart of our community, then Barnard received a wonderful gift on Valentine's Day. On February 14th, Joe Minerva and Jillian Bradley signed a 10-year lease with the Barnard Community Trust for the right to operate the Barnard General Store. The lease can be extended for 2 more 10-year periods, or a total of 30 years. We are grateful for all of the support we have received from friends and members of our Barnard community, which made the purchase of the BGS possible and enabled us to sign a lease with Joe and Jillian.

By the time this Bulletin reaches your mailbox, Joe and Jillian will have moved into the apartment above the store. The Trust has carefully cleaned the space, repainted several of the rooms and purchased a new refrigerator in preparation for their arrival. They are thrilled to be moving here and love the view of the lake from their living room window.

Joe and Jillian will take possession of the BGS on March 1st, so they can spend time arranging the store and start stocking the shelves. We have installed an overhead door to facilitate deliveries from Allied Grocers, which will allow them to purchase goods at a more reasonable price. February 28th will be the last day for the café and newspapers will not be available until the store reopens. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but it will be worth the sacrifice for having a full service store again. The BGS will reopen its doors around April 1st.

The Trust will be organizing a gathering to welcome Joe and Jillian to Barnard and to give members of our community a chance to meet them. We have not set a date, time or place yet, but as soon as we do, the information will be posted on the door of the BGS, on our website www.friendsofbgs.com, the Barnard Listserve and in the Vermont Standard.

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact one of the following BCT board members. Rick Carbin, Tom Platner, Boyd Bishop, Dana Bargezi, Teo Zagar, Mary Blanton, Mary Myers, Lee Ressequie, Leah Stewart

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MASQUERADE & MUSIC CARNIVAL

Come to Barnard Town Hall on March 16 to join in the Masquerade Jazz and Funk Winter Music Carnival put together by BarnArts Center for the Arts. Music begins at 6pm and runs until midnight! Four different musical groups will be performing a mix of serious Jazz and danceable Jazz, Funk, and R&B groove.

Starting the evening will be Woodstock's jazz pianist Sonny Saul performing with bassist Bill Martin of Barnard. Next comes a set by the inspiring WUHS Jazz-Funk Band under the direction of trumpeter Jody Henderson. The upper valley funk band Green Room will get the groove going mid-evening with their eclectic original tunes and funky covers.

The headliner is jazz/blues/funk singer Jenni Johnson from Burlington playing with her seven-piece "Junkiteers." Local musician Mark van Gulden will be joining the Junketeers on keyboards and Kathleen Dolan of Barnard will be playing flutes.

The evening will be a night for playful frolic: costumes welcome, masks encouraged, fun required! Masquerading is optional but masks and decorations will be available for those unsure. Tasty nibbles and non-alcoholic drinks provided. BYOB.

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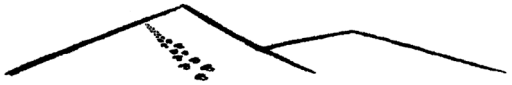

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FIBER ARTS BARNARD (FAB) - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the Barnard library community room, 3:30-5:30. Contact Janet Andersen, 234-5251, hywynds@aol.com, or Jenney Silva, 234-5227, jlsilva@wildblue.net.

SELECTMEN meet the second and forth Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM at the Town Clerk's office

TOWN CLERK office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:00am - 3:30pm.

BARNARD LISTERS listers@barnardvt.us, 234-9576. Office hours, except holidays, Wednesday 9:00am - 11:00am, by appointment, or anytime we are in the office.

THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at the Barnard Town Hall as necessary.

YOGA CLASSES offered at Danforth Library, Mondays 9:00am-10:30am with Suzanne Lacey, Tuesday 6:00pm-7:30pm with Amanda Anderson. For more information contact suzannelacey60@yahoo.com

DANFORTH LIBRARY is open Saturdays 10:00 to noon, Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00. Story hour is the first Saturday of the month. The Book Club meets the first Wednesday at 7:00pm.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY meets the last Tuesday of the month. Call 457-3020 for location.

BARNARD ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S office hours are 9am – 12:00 noon, Tuesdays, until further notice.

THE BARNARD ACADEMY SCHOOL BOARD meets at 5:00pm at the school on the last Tuesday of each month.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION meets on the first Monday of the month, 7:00pm, in the Town Clerk's office. Sub-committee meetings as arranged.

BARNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION meets the second Monday of the month, 7:00 PM, Town Hall.

RECYCLING HOURS: Saturdays, 8:00am to 4:00pm,

BEES MEETINGS First Tuesday of each month allowing for school vacations, 6:00pm - 7:30pm, at the school library.

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ADVERTISING RATES: Classified ads - 20 cents a word. Camera ready display ad - 3.5" wide by 2" high - $8.00. Special make-up work will be charged by the hour or part thereof - $10.00 minimum. Deadline for receiving ads will be the 10th of every month. Tel. 802/457-1792.

We appolgize that due to space considerations the Crypto Quote and Dates to Remember have been ommitted.